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EXPRESS ABANDONMENT UNDER 35 C.F.R. 1.138

Sir:

Applicant expressly abandons the above-referenced patent application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.138, in favor of a related, pending application. The above-identified application is being abandoned to avoid duplicate prosecution.

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